
Typical Resident Schedule

JULY

Orientation—4 weeks

ROTATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Acute Care— 4-8 weeks

Ambulatory Care— 8-12 weeks

Formulary Management—4 weeks

Practice Management—4 weeks

Electives—12-16 weeks

LONGITUDINAL EXPERIENCES

Home Based Primary Care

Research Project

Staffing (30 shifts)

Teaching & Education

CERTIFICATES

Teaching Certificate—University of Colorado

Research Certificate—Kaiser Permanente Colorado

BLS and ACLS certification

This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

Qualifications

Must be a United States citizen and have graduated from an American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) accredited college or school of pharmacy. All residents are required to become licensed pharmacists in any state by September 1st, 2017.

How to Apply

All applications must be submitted electronically using PHORCAS. Requirements include:

1. Letter of intent expressing interest in our program and why you have chosen to do a residency;
2. Curriculum vitae;
3. Pharmacy transcript;
4. One writing example which demonstrates critical thinking and writing skills (e.g. drug information question/answer, professional paper)
5. Three letters of recommendation

For Information or Questions

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*Postgraduate Year 1
Pharmacy Residency
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PGY1 Pharmacy Residency



Denver VA Medical Center

The VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System (ECHCS), headquartered in Denver, Colorado, serves veterans in eastern Colorado and parts of Kansas and provides care for over 89,000 patients. The Denver VA Medical Center (DVAMC) is a 128 bed medical/surgical teaching hospital and a 30 bed teaching rehab facility affiliated with the University of Colorado and Regis University. A wide range of inpatient and ambulatory care services are provided, including primary care, surgery, neurology, mental health, infectious diseases, cardiology, pulmonary medicine, oncology, endocrinology and pain management. In 2016, there will be six PGY1 pharmacy and two PGY2 psychiatric pharmacy residency positions offered.

PGY1 Program Description

Pharmacists completing this residency will be competent, confident, and compassionate providers of pharmaceutical care, as individuals and as members of the health care team. They will be prepared to accept positions as PGY2 residents, staff pharmacists in adult acute or ambulatory care, or entry level clinical pharmacists in adult acute or ambulatory care.

Resident Opportunities

The residents' experiences throughout the year include internal medicine, ambulatory care, anticoagulation management, drug policy and formulary management, practice management, geriatrics, research, teaching and education, medical emergency management, and a variety of clinical electives. Residents work collegially with physicians, nurse practitioners, and psychologists throughout the year. Residents may provide care in a variety of ambulatory care clinics, including chronic disease management, anticoagulation, geriatrics, hepatitis C, and pain management. Residents prepare and present case presentation, journal clubs, and one ACPE accredited presentation. Residents have the opportunity to teach and precept PharmD students from the University of Colorado and Regis University. A residency research project is required, and each resident will present their results at the regional ASHP conference.

Residency Preceptors

Resident preceptors are clinical pharmacists who specialize in their practice area. Clinical pharmacy preceptors place a high value on resident training and are readily accessible to residents.

Elective Opportunities

Residents may choose up to four 4-week elective experiences during the year. The elective time is used to tailor specific interests of the residents within the training program. Elective rotations include: cardiology, critical care, geriatrics, home based primary care, infectious disease, oncology, inpatient and outpatient mental health, pain management, surgery, neurology, and academia.

Benefits

The residency program provides a competitive compensation rate. Residents accumulate 13 days of paid vacation time and have 10 paid holidays per year. Sick leave is accumulated at a rate of 4 hours every 2 weeks. Health insurance is available. Residents share their own office with individual space including a computer and a file cabinet. The hospital subscribes to a wide range of electronic reference materials (Micromedex, UpToDate, Natural Medicines Database). If the resident desires, there is the opportunity to earn extra money through a dual appointment